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1. [redacted] in Shakhty /N 57-46, E 40-127 [redacted] the Rostov Housing Project (RostovZhilstroy) [redacted] had the responsibility of constructing miners' settlements in Shakhty, Ayuta, and Novoshakhtinsk. In addition to houses for miners and mine employees, the Shakhty Agency of the Rostov Housing Project also built stores, school buildings, movie houses, parks, a public water system, and lighting installations for the town of Shakhty. The Shakhty Regional Agency of the Rostov Housing Project was located in Shakhty on a street running parallel to Shevchenko Street, very close to the market place. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] it had about 100 administrative employees and in addition employed 2,000-3,000 construction workers. The Agency had built miners' settlements for almost all of the many mines in Shakhty. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] 25X1

2. Several standard types of houses built by the Rostov Housing Project in Nezhdanovka and presumably in other miners' settlements (single-housing units outnumbered others) were:

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- a. Prefabricated, so-called "Finnish" houses for a single family. They were prefabricated, frame houses with a dining-living room, a kitchen, and a veranda on the first floor, and two small bedrooms on the second floor. The dining-living room measured about five by six meters, and the bedrooms three by four meters; there was a central heating system operating from the kitchen, where there was a small boiler equipped with a coal furnace. [redacted] there was no water system in this type of house, and no bathroom or toilet. The public water system led up to a group of houses, and a pump was placed in a central position to service the group. 25X1
- b. Prefabricated "Finnish" double-apartment houses. This type of house included two such housing units as [redacted] described Para. 2a above. 25X1
- c. Single housing units made of brick and consisting of one large or two small bedrooms, dining-living room, and kitchen. [redacted] the city water system, as a rule, was not connected to workers' houses in Shakhty. 25X1
- d. Two-apartment brick houses. These houses were made up of two such units as [redacted] in Para. 2c above. There were two separate entrances in the front of the house, and in the space between the entrances was an open veranda which had a partition in the middle. 25X1
- e. Six eight-apartment brick houses. These were two-story, two entrance houses with four apartments on each floor. Apartments located in the middle section of the house on both floors consisted of two bedrooms and one dining-living room. The wing apartments had one bedroom and dining-living room. All apartments had kitchens but no bathroom or toilet. Toilets were in the courtyard, where there was also a water tap connected to the public water system.
3. All houses built by the Rostov Housing Project were roofed with prefabricated slates called "shifer" (0.8x0.8x0.006 m.). These slates were light gray and frangible. In March 1951, [redacted] it was almost completed and by that time construction of the following had been completed: 25X1 25X1
- a. About 50 single-unit, "Finnish" houses
- b. About 70 single-unit brick houses
- c. About 40 two-apartment, "Finnish" houses
- d. About 35 two-apartment, brick houses
- e. Six eight-apartment, brick houses
- All houses had electric lighting but no gas or sewage system.
4. In addition to the above-mentioned houses, the Shakhty Agency of the Rostov Housing Project had built in Shakhty five large brick barracks, each about 70 m. in length. These barracks had a large number of bedroom-living room apartments. There were no kitchens, but coal ranges were installed in the rooms. The barracks were occupied by miners with families. Larger families would live in two such small apartments. There were also three dormitories for single miners without families; these were one-story, brick houses about 60 m. long; they had many rooms five by five meters big. Each room had four beds, four wardrobes, one dresser, and a few chairs. Toilet, bathing, or washing facilities were not available in these houses.

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5. [redacted] 25X1
Rostov Housing Project [redacted]
[redacted] excavation work was done mainly by manual labor. There were several concrete mixers, belt conveyers for transporting bricks, and hoists for lifting bricks. 25X1
6. Most of the workers for the Rostov Housing Project in Shakhty were from distant USSR regions. The local population in Shakhty preferred to work in mines rather than for the Rostov Housing Project where the wages were rather low. As a ditchdigger [redacted] earning 750 rubles per month, and as a lathe operator about 600 rubles. Because of the low wages, morale of workers, especially the women (who were about 60% of all workers), was low. 25X1
7. [redacted]
8. In addition to the Shakhty Regional Agency of the Rostov Housing Project, there was in Shakhty a superior agency called Trust Rostov ZhilStroy (Trest RZhS) which was responsible for construction of both mines and housing projects. There was also under this Trust another Shakhty Regional Agency (RostovShakhtStroy) which was responsible for construction of mines in the Shakhty region. The Trust Rostov ZhilStroy was located on Shevchenko Street. [redacted] 25X1

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Layout of the "Poselok Yuzhnyy", Miners' Settlement in Nezhdanovka

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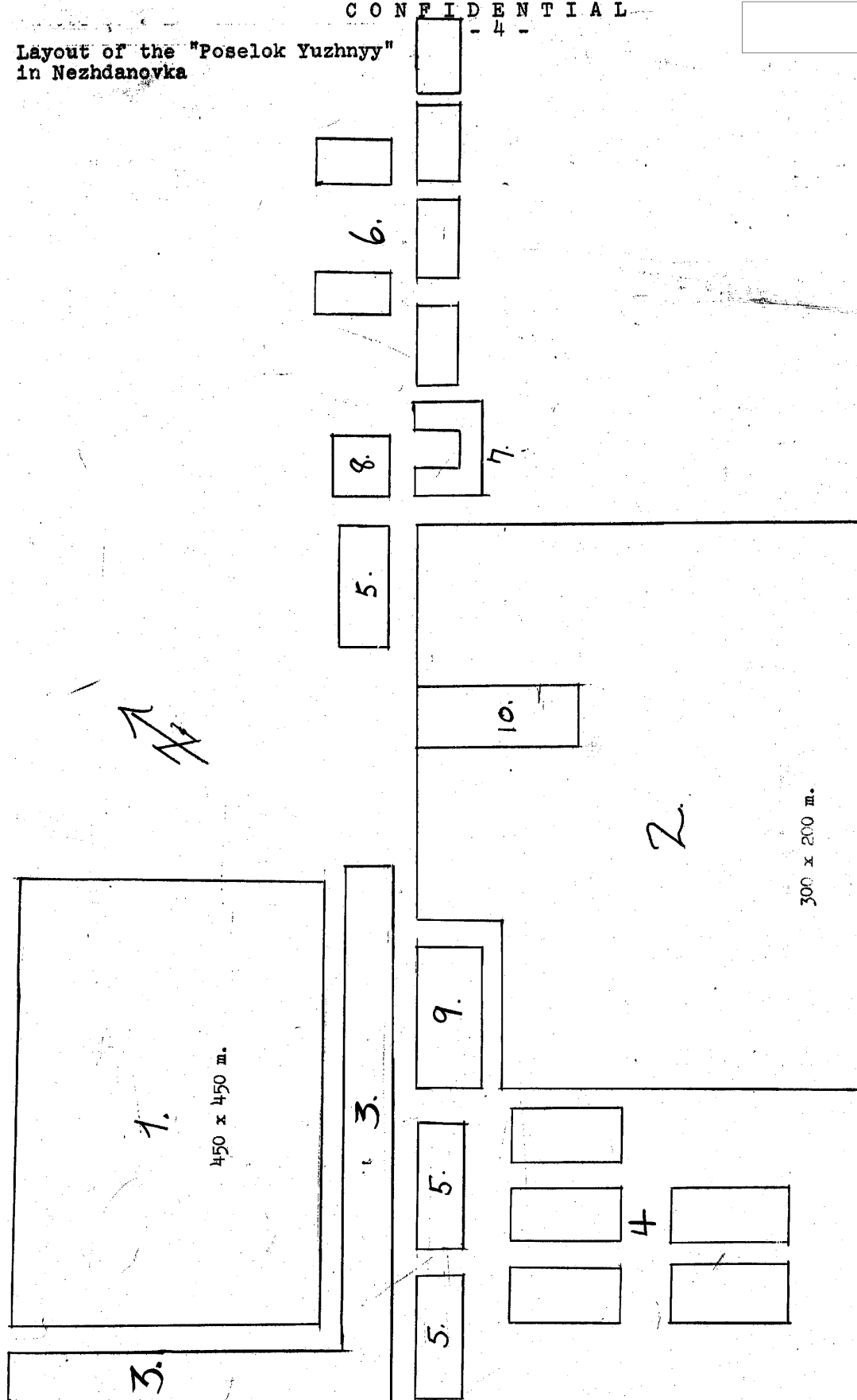
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1. Area of single-apartment brick houses
2. Area of one and two apartment "Finnish" houses
3. Area of two-apartment brick houses
4. Brick barracks area
5. Bachelor dormitories for single miners
6. Area of six eight apartment houses
7. 10-year school
8. Nursery
9. Polyclinic of Yuzhnaya Coal Mine
10. Workers' Mess

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